

Border Areas in 1993 and a second agreement on Confidence Building Measures in the Military Field along the Line of Actual Control in the India-China Border Areas in 1996. These two Agreements provide an institutional framework for the maintenance of peace and tranquillity in the border areas. Both sides have also agreed to expedite the process of LAC clarification. As part of this exercise, maps of each other's perceptions of the LAC in the Middle Sector were exchanged at the Eighth meeting of the Expert Group held in Beijing in November, 2000.

### Haj Pilgrims Quota for Andhra Pradesh

169. DR.DASARI NARAYANA RAO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the quota of Haj Pilgrims for Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise;

(b) whether it was according to the proportion of Muslim population of the State;

(c) if not, whether Government propose to increase the Haj Pilgrims quota of the State for the current calendar year; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) The quota of the Haj Pilgrims for Andhra Pradesh during the last five years, year-wise, is as under:—

| Year | Original Quota |
|------|----------------|
| 1996 | 2,702          |
| 1997 | 3,037          |
| 1998 | 3,037          |
| 1999 | 3,571          |
| 2000 | 3,571          |

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.